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SUBJECT: WARSAW PACT ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

1. SOVIET EMBOFF RECENTLY HINTED TO JAPANESE DCM THAT "LEADER-SHIP" (PRESUMABLY CP GENERAL SECRETARIES) FROM ALL WARSAW PACT MEMBER COUNTRIES MIGHT BE INVITED TO MOSCOW ON OCCASION "SOVIET LIBERATION DAY (VE DAY MAY 9). IF SO, IN VIEW OF THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESENCE, A MEETING OF WARSAW PACT POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE

COMMITTEE MIGHT THEN CONVENE TO COMMEMORATE WP 20TH ANNIVERSARY. EMBOFF INDICATED CIRCUMSTANCES MADE MOSCOW MORE CONVENIENT SITE FOR LATTER, EVEN THOUGH WARSAW MIGHT NORMALLY HAVE BEEN MORE LOGICAL. HOWEVER HE ADDED THAT ALL THIS WAS STILL ONLY "POSSIBILITY" SINCE HE UNDERSTOOD CEAUSESCU'S SCHEDULE SEEMED TO BE "VERY BUSY" IN APRIL AND MAY.

2. COMMENT: THERE MAY HAVE BEEN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MOSCOW AND BUCHAREST SINCE JANUARY ON HOW BEST TO CELEBRATE MAJOR SPRING ANNIVERSARIES. RCP POLEXCO SESSION ON MARCH 15 APPROVED PLANS FOR BOTH 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF "VICTORY OVER FASCISM" AND "98TH YEARS SINCE THE WINNING OF INDEPENDENCE FOR THE ROMANIAN STATE" (BOTH FALL ON MAY 9), WITHOUT MENTION OF GOR'S WP CELEBRATION PLANS. ROMANIANS HAVE SO FAR COMPLETELY AVOIDED VE DAY AS WELL AS INDEPENDENCE THEMES. WHILE CONCENTRATING ON JANUARY 24 UNION OF WALLACHIA AND MOLDAVIA. IF ABOVE SOURCE UNDERSTOOD SOVIET EMBOFF CORRECTLY, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT GOR STILL NOT BUYING SOVIET PLANS, NO WP ANNIVERSARY DECISIONS MADE, AND THAT CEAUSESCU HAS CREATED AN OUT SHOULD HE CHOOSE TO STAY HOME TO FETE 1877 EVENT. RCP POLEXCO MEETING, IN ANY CASE. SEEMINGLY DELIBERATELY PAIRED MULTILATERAL SOVIET-DOMINATED DATE WITH HERETOFORE UNBALLYHOOED NATIONAL OCCASION. SOMEWHAT INCONSISTENT WITH ABOVE, YUGOSLAV DCM HAS BEEN COMPLAINING PRIVATELY THAT ROMANIANS HAVE BEEN AGREEING TOO READILY TO SOVIET IDEAS ON VE DAY. BARNES

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